

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday April 4, 2006 the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice-Chairman (via the telephone)  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Dave Burchett, Utility Division

(109) In the matter of NorthWestern Corporation - D2005.10.161 - On March 22, 2006 NorthWestern Energy filed a second amended application to refinance and to borrow the proceeds from the sale of not to exceed \$170,205,000 principal amount of Pollution Control Revenue Bonds Series 2006. The amended application was approved on February 28, 2006. That Order required the effective interest rate for the transaction not to exceed 5.20 percent. The second amended application seeks approval for NWE to consummate this transaction if the effective interest rate equals or is less than an effective interest rate of 5.576 percent. A default order on the second amended application has been drafted.

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant NWE's second amended application to refinance the Pollution Control Revenue Bonds Series 2006 in the amount of \$170,205,000. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(110) In the matter of Citizens Telecommunications - N2006.3.33 - On March 9, 2006, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-06-04 Special Promotion. Citizens is proposing to introduce a special promotion beginning April 10, 2006, and continuing through July 9, 2006, where technically available in the serving Wire Center for Residential customers. The promotion waives the applicable Service Request Charge and the Connection of Network Access Line Charge for an existing residential customer who moves to a new location within the company's service territory and initiates residential service at that new location.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the promotion. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(111) In the matter of MCI Communications - N2006.3.35 - On March 15 2006, MCI Communications filed revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. The purpose of this filing is to add a minimum charge to a multiple of MCI Plans and adjust its price list. MCI is also requesting to make textual changes and extend the expiration date for Anniversary Lifetime Promotion, RRL Certificate Promotion 1 and II.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve MCI Communications' filing in Docket N2006.3.35. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(112) In the matter of six Qwest TRO/TRRO amendments: D2002.9.108 - Qwest/New Edge, D2004.7.107 - Qwest/IDT America, D2004.10.167 - Qwest/InTTec, Inc., D99.10.240 - Qwest/Multiband, D2004.1.2 - Qwest/XO Communications, D2000.8.134 - Qwest/American Fiber Network.

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the six wireline interconnection agreement amendments. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(113) In the matter of T-06.5.PCN - on February 27, 2006, Park City Limousines LC dba Yellowstone Taxicabs, Park City, Utah files an application for a certificate of Public convenience and necessity. That application was noticed to the public on March 7, 2006, and no protests were received. The applicant has submitted a request to limit the authority.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve grant of authority as requested. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(114) In the matter of T-06.6.PCN - on February 27, 2006, Richard L. Robinson dba Granite Disposal, Drummond, Montana filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. The application was noticed to the public on March 7, 2006, and no protests were received.

Commissioner Mood moved to approve grant of authority as requested. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(115) In the matter of T-06.9 OTSC - on March 17, 2006, an Order to Show Cause was issued to PSC No. 411, Glendive Transfer & Storage Company, In., Miles City, Montana for failure to reactivate following 12 consecutive months of suspension per 69-12-404 MCA. The Order to Show Cause was mailed certified and received by the carrier on March 21. They have not reactivated the authority.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to cancel the authority for failure to reactivate. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(116) In the matter of T-06.10.OTSC - on March 17, 2006, an Order to Show Cause was issued to PSC No 2330, Brown Lines, Inc., Whitefish, Montana for failure to file liability insurance. That Order to Show Cause was sent certified and received by the carrier on March 18, 2006. The

carrier has not responded.

Commissioner Schneider moved to cancel the authority for failure to file liability insurance. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(117) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of March 27, 2006:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 27, 2006. Commissioner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(118) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.1.3, D2006.1.5 - Qwest, Sagebrush Cellular, and 360Networks USA, Inc. - interconnection agreements:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Qwest/Sagebrush Cellular Wireless Interconnection Agreement in Docket D2006.1.3 and the Qwest/360Networks USA Inc. Wireless Interconnection Agreement in D2006.1.5. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Utility Division

(119) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of the possible responses to the Rick Hays (Qwest) letter of March 10, 2006 regarding Qwest's proposed 2007 legislation:

Commissioner Schneider moved to direct staff to prepare a response letter for Chairman Jergeson's signature describing responses to the issues. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division

(120) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2004.3.45 - the application of NorthWestern Energy for approval of agreement for sale and purchase of capacity and energy between NorthWestern Energy and Basin Creek Equity Partners, LLC:

Commissioner Raney moved to grant a protective order to protect all information in Exhibit D to the Amended and Restated Capacity and Energy Sale Agreement dated March 23, 2005 except the lines labeled "Total Fixed Unit Cost (\$/kW-month) and "Variable Non-Fuel O & M. Unit Cost (\$/MWh)." Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion.

Commissioner Molnar made a substitute motion to deny the protective order and direct NorthWestern not to file Exhibit D. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioner Schneider and Raney voted no.

APEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Utility Division

(121) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Utility Division administrative support positions:

Commissioner Raney moved to direct staff to take the actions necessary to move the Utility Division administrative support positions to the broadband pay plan with the changes and duties described. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday April 6, 2006 the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice-Chairman (via the telephone)  
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner

Commissioner Doug Mood and Commissioner Thomas J. Schneider were absent.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division  
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(122) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.3.39 - Qwest Corporation - notification of certain features, listings and packages to be offered as not regulated (deregulated):

Commissioner Raney moved to reject Qwest's filing in Docket D2006.3.39 without prejudice pending a refiling over an attorney's signature. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 0.

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GREG JERGSON, Chairman

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